

## North-East *Build Wisconsin* Regional Workshop Small Group Record

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### Top 10 responses to the question: “What can the State do to foster economic growth in your region?”

Priority response #1 (votes: 4 ) State consolidate educational resources into areas of excellence. For example, paper chemistry program at UW.

Priority response #2 (votes: 3 ) Encourage incentives for regional government partnership.

Priority response #3 (votes: 2 ) State incentives for capital investment in new technology.

### “Actions Necessary to Achieve our Ideas” Exercise

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#### Priority Issue #1 Consolidate educational resources into areas of excellence.

Responses to the question: “If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does “the State” (as defined earlier) have to do now?”

\*Create/develop vision for education center of excellence; determine results/outcomes desired. Some examples of desired results: attract best of the best students from the world to Wisconsin, attract and retain businesses because we will have “best brains” in the area of excellence, retain students/”best brains” in Wisconsin, attract money and invest in Wisconsin.

\*Identify current programs of excellence that exist. For example, Paper Chemistry at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, and BioTech at UW-Madison.

\*Match state and business needs/goals to develop centers for excellence.

\*Test the concept for centers of excellence; evaluate and recommend improvement; further implementation based on results of these pilots.

\*Reallocate resources within Wisconsin's educational system to further support education centers of excellence.

\*Provide ongoing evaluation to determine program relevance/results.

## **Priority Issue #2      Encourage incentives for regional government partnerships.**

Responses to the question: "If we want to accomplish this [priority issue], what does "the State" (as defined earlier) have to do now?"

\*Amend state law, reduce regulations to facilitate tax revenue sharing.

\*Identify partnerships to benefit tax payers.

\*Target new tax increment districts to areas of regional projects.

\*State target WDF and grants to regional efforts.

\*Exempt regional/partners on expenditure caps and base limits on net cost.

\*Bonus points for regional partnerships for grant applications.

\*New state laws written to encourage/require intergovernmental cooperation.

\*Remove legislature and administrative barriers to intergovernmental cooperation.

\*Bridge partnership with labor force and regional partnerships. Don't duplicate services—unnecessary efforts.

\*Financial incentives for successful regional partnerships.